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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Tension between Pakistan and India over border incidents and the treatment of diplomats is creating a dangerous situation. (Page 1)

In Turkey, the government has declared martial law to counter a new threat from militant leftists. (Page 2)

A controversy is brewing in Japan over the alleged presence of US nuclear weapons. (Page 3)

In Ceylon, insurgents are planning new attacks. (Page 3)

A high-level Italian delegation seeks increased trade with China. (Page 3)

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PAKISTAN-INDIA

Both countries have closed their respective Deputy High Commission offices in Dacca and Calcutta, and Pakistan has announced that safe conduct for the Indians will be provided "on the principle of reciprocity." At present, Indian officials in Dacca are confined to their homes, and Deputy High Commissioner Sen Gupta has been told he is "more or less" interned. New Delhi has retaliated by banning the departure of any Pakistani diplomats without Indian permission.

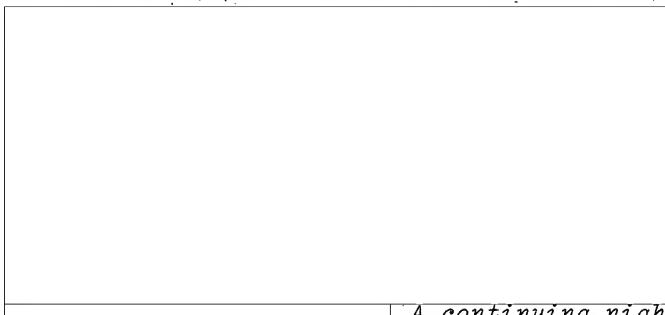
The potential for harm to one another's diplomats and the tensions resulting from continuing border incidents create a dangerous situation between the two countries. We doubt that either side wants to foment an incident but one could easily occur and rapidly get out of hand.

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Martial law was declared as of midnight last night in 11 of Turkey's 67 provinces including Ankara, Istanbul, and Izmir.



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A continuing night-time curfew is expected to be declared, at least in Ankara, and probably will be accompanied by a roundup of suspected troublemakers.

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Japan: The Sato government has flatly denied a New York Times story of 25 April that claimed Tokyo has for years permitted the temporary presence of US nuclear weapons in Japan. Opposition elements, long convinced that US nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers visiting Japan carry nuclear weapons, are likely to seize on the Times story as a pretext for vigorous probing for "proof" of their charges. Popular concern over the nuclear weapons issue has been heightened by the imminent reversion of Okinawa, where many Japanese assume the US maintains a nuclear weapons stockpile. Despite government assurances that Okinawa will be nuclear-free when it reverts, many Japanese are skeptical.

Ceylon: The government is taking precautions against an expected attack by insurgents against Colombo and other locations tonight.

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The insurgents, although weakened by government operations, are still capable of mounting a significant effort; their timing, however, may be delayed because of widespread knowledge of their planning.

Italy - Communist China: A prestigious Italian economic mission, headed by Foreign Trade Minister Mario Zagari, will go to China next month. The delegation, which reportedly will number 25 or 30 top industrialists including Agnelli of Fiat, will explore the possibilities of exporting complete industrial plants as well as equipment for a number of diverse industries. Although Rome hopes for a significant trade increase, this will be contingent upon Italy's willingness to increase its imports of Chinese goods.

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